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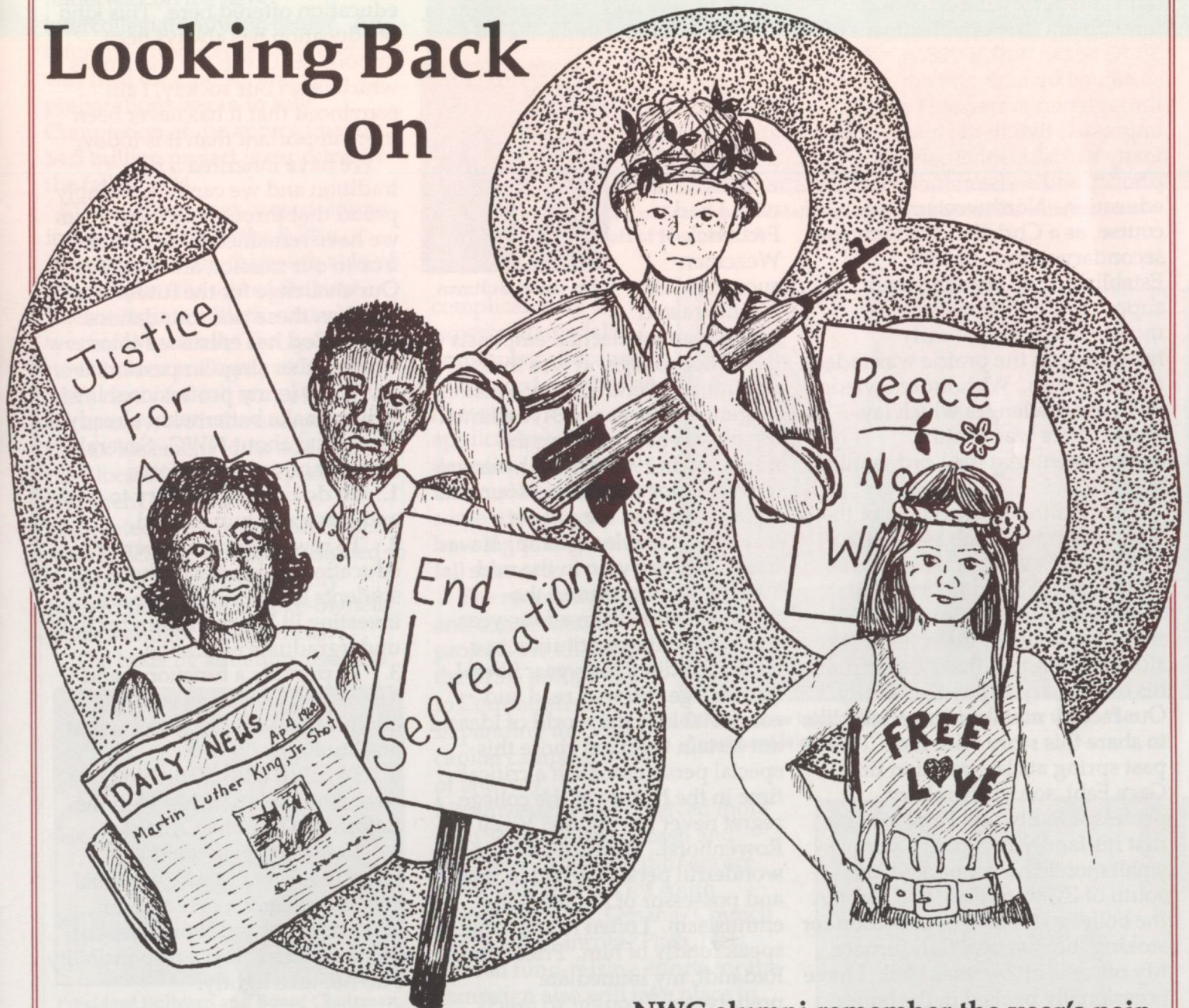
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# The Classic

Northwestern College of Iowa

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## Looking Back on



NWC alumni remember the year's pain



# Northwestern's Goodly Heritage

Last week I re-read portions of the book entitled *From Strength to Strength* by Gerald De Jong. This is a history of Northwestern, published some 11 years ago during the institution's centennial year. I have read this book several times since coming to Northwestern eight years ago. The story is compelling.

I am always struck by the vision, faith and perseverance of our forefathers. The establishment of NWC began with a vision, was sustained by faith and developed through perseverance. I am impressed that in the midst of so many hardships there was a priority and a vision for Christian education. Northwestern began, of course, as a Christian academy, or secondary school, in 1882. Establishing an academy and supporting it through private monies in the face of early hardships on the prairie was indeed a step of faith. Without knowledge of all the challenges which lay ahead, there was a faith commitment that the Lord would provide.

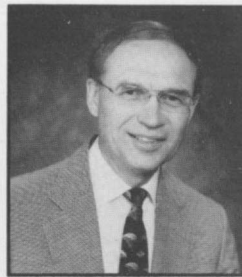
I am reminded especially of the commitment of Jacob Heemstra, who served as president of the junior college from 1928 to 1951. What a marvelous contribution he made to the life of the college. The story is often told that he sacrificed his own salary to pay the faculty. Our faculty members especially like to share this story with me!! This past spring at class reunion time, Gary Fahl, son of chemistry professor B. Elwood Fahl, told me that his family occupied a very small mobile home, parked just south of Zwemer Hall, and slept in the boiler room as compensation for stoking the Zwemer Hall furnace. My office is in Zwemer Hall. I have occasionally peeked in the boiler room; this was not the Holiday Inn!

When I reflect on our history as a

lesson for our future, I am reminded of the significant contributions of so many people. I think of many of you, our constituents, who have supported us, oftentimes sacrificially in these past years. I think of the Board of Trustees members who have envisioned what we might become. And, I recognize with gratitude the outstanding contributions of so many faculty and staff members.

As president, I think also of my predecessors. I am humbled by their collective abilities. Each possessed gifts which I only wish I had. Frederick Wezeman

succeeded Dr. Heemstra and brought an intellectual emphasis to the junior college. It was the youthful and enthusiastic Preston Stegenga who, at age 31, assumed the presidency, marking the transition in 1961 of Northwestern from a junior college to a four-year college. He had the gifts of inspiration and leadership. It was Lars Granberg who in the mid-1960s led and nurtured the transformation from a four-year teacher training institution to a fully accredited four-year liberal arts college. So well read and comfortable in the world of ideas, I am certain that God chose this special person for such a critical time in the history of the college. I regret never having met Virgil Rowenhorst. He must have been a wonderful person, gifted in finance and possessor of a contagious enthusiasm. I often hear people speak fondly of him. Friedhelm Radandt, my immediate predecessor, brought so much energy and vitality to the Christian dimension of the college. I am



Dr. James Bultman

indebted to each of these people in a special way and am reminded of the Psalmist who said with thanksgiving, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." (Ps. 16:6)

Northwestern has a noble mission. Deep in my heart and soul I am convinced that God is oftentimes pleased by the quality, distinctly Christian liberal arts education offered here. This kind of education has always been important. Given the challenges which beset our society, I am convinced that it has never been more important than it is today.

We have inherited a rich tradition and we can be justifiably proud that through all these years we have remained faithful and true to our mission and heritage. Our challenge for the future is to build on these rich foundations which God has entrusted to us.

My rather singular passion at this point in my professional life is to help make better what already is very good about NWC. Several things motivate my efforts:

1. To do my best in glory to God and service to humankind.
2. To reward with a superior educational experience those students and families who are investing in Northwestern for their undergraduate education.
3. To provide a functional and aesthetically pleasing working environment for our faculty, staff and students.
4. To fulfill with distinction our covenantal relationship with the Reformed Church in America.
5. Not to mess up what I've inherited from my predecessors!

It is a joy and a privilege to serve as the seventh president of Northwestern. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly.

*James E. Bultman*

# Busy Summer Results in Campus Progress

Construction crews and maintenance workers were scurrying at the end of the summer to have several major projects ready for the fall semester. As of the *Classic* deadline, it looked as if the renovations in Van Peursem Hall and Fern Smith Cafeteria would be complete by the first day of classes.

Meanwhile, construction was underway on the new intercollegiate athletic center. An informal groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 30, and site preparations began in July. Completion of the approximately \$4.5 million project is expected in the fall of 1994.

The wet summer caused delays in the relocation of the 8-Plex Apartments from the south side of the campus (the site of the new intercollegiate athletic center) to just west of West Hall. The apartments, now known as Courtyard Village, were ready for fall semester occupancy, with the exception of the six basement units added at the new locale. Officials expected the basement apartments to be completed a few weeks after the start of school; students assigned to those units were temporarily housed in trailers, college-owned houses and local residences.

The housing situation also was



President Bultman and Board Chairman Dale Den Herder turn the first spadeful of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony for the intercollegiate athletic center.



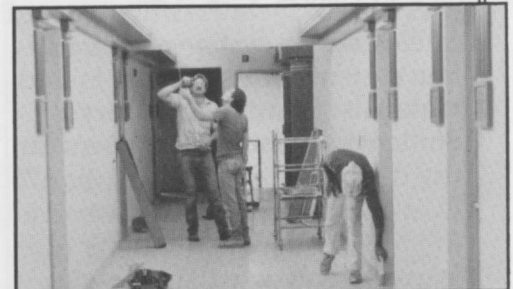
The eastward expansion of Fern Smith Cafeteria features an attractive entrance from the main parking lot off of Highway 10.

complicated by an expected large fall enrollment. Because of a record number of new student applications and deposits, the college was making plans for some temporary housing to begin the fall semester.

The renovation and construction projects are all part of the \$15.5 million Call to Commitment: Expanding the Vision capital campaign. As of late July, Northwestern had received more than \$12.8 million in cash and pledges. Campaign dinners are scheduled this fall for south O'Brien County, Omaha/Council Bluffs, and Lincoln/Firth, Neb. Special fund-raising efforts for the campaign also will take place in New York and New Jersey during the autumn months.



Utility crews take down power lines as the first 8-Plex Apartment is moved.



Workers finish the trim in the third floor hallway of Van Peursem Hall.



## New Computer Systems Added to Network



Northwestern's new academic computer system is 100 times more powerful than the VAX which it replaces. It also is smaller, using data cartridges like this one held by Director of Computing Services Rob Robinson. One cartridge can store the material that would have filled up 128 big tapes on the old system.

Campus improvements during the summer were not limited to construction and renovation projects; Northwestern's technological capabilities were significantly enhanced with the installation of a new library computer system and academic computer system. The new installations are part of more than \$340,000 of computer equipment that Northwestern has added since 1990.

A \$60,000 Data Trek library card catalog search system and circulation system makes it easier to find materials in Ramaker Library. Students and faculty members can use the system from any of the 175 PC's on the campuswide network. Inquirers using the computer can learn not only whether Ramaker has an item and where it is located, but also when it will be returned if

the item is checked out.

The VAX 11/750 academic computer system has been replaced by a \$25,000 Alpha RISC computer from Digital Equipment Corporation. The new system supplements Northwestern's PC network, providing a high-powered workstation for research and computer science. It also is accessible from offices and dorms via the network.

## New Board Members

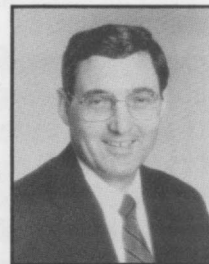


Arlys Oolman



Jane Van Oss

Among the new Board of Trustees members who will be attending their first board meeting Oct. 25-26 are Arlys Oolman, Jane (De Jong '50) Van Oss and David Van Valkenburg.



David Van Valkenburg

Oolman, appointed by the board, works part-time as a decorator at De Vries Fabrics and Draperies and as a sales clerk at The Old Factory. The Orange City resident has served as a pre-school Sunday School teacher at First Reformed Church, officer in the Reformed Church Women's Ministry Circle and chairman of the Mid-Triennial program. She also has been a leader in the Friendship Bible Series program for those with special needs. She is the mother of Mike Oolman '92 and Lisa Laird '83.

Van Oss, who has worked as an elementary schoolteacher, reading tutor and librarian, was appointed to the board by the Pella Classis.

She replaces her husband, Forrest, who was an eight-year board member. A graduate of NWJC and Central College, Jane Van Oss has been active at Pella's Second Reformed Church. She recently retired as elder, having served for two years as clerk. She is the mother of Joel Van Oss '81.

Van Valkenburg, appointed by the board, has been president and chief operating officer of MultiVision Cable TV Corp. in Greenwich, Conn., since 1990. Previously, he was an executive with Cablevision Industries, Liberty, N.Y.; Paragon Communications, Denver; Cox Cable Communications, Atlanta; United Cable Television Corporation, Englewood, Colo.; and American Television and Communications/Time Warner Cable, Denver.

Van Valkenburg is a former member of the National Cable Television Association Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He currently serves on the boards of the Cable Alliance for Education and the Cable Television Advertising Bureau. He received an M.B.A. from Harvard, a master's degree from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's from Malone College in Ohio. Van Valkenburg serves as ruling elder at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Conn. He is the father of Chadwick Van Valkenburg '95.

## Businesses Donate

Northwestern's Business, Industry and Professional Annual Fund Drive raised \$59,395 in gifts and pledges this past summer. That included contributions from 147 donors.

The drive was co-chaired by Quentin Hatfield of K-Products and Dwayne Plender of Dutch Mill Pharmacy. Numerous area business and professional people and NWC faculty/staff gave of their time to solicit gifts for the drive.

## Student Recognized for Achievements

Diane Auman, a sophomore from Hickman, Neb., is being featured in nationwide promotional efforts this year by Shriners Hospitals for Crippled



Diane Auman

Children. A 13-minute video, "No Challenge Too Great: The Diane Auman Story," was shown at the national Shriners convention in San Antonio during the summer. Excerpts from the video also are included in a public service announcement featuring her.

Auman, a Student Ambassador, Dean's List honoree, and letter-winner in track and volleyball at NWC, was born without a left hand or forearm. She wears a plastic arm prosthesis and a number of hand attachments provided by the Shriners. A four-sport participant in high school, Auman placed second in the high jump and fifth in the long jump at the state meet. She also was a 4.0 student, National Honor Society member, all-state choir participant, class officer, academic all-stater in three sports, and captain of the all-tournament team when her volleyball squad won the state championship.

The video was a platform for Auman to share her Christian faith. "I think God definitely has a plan for my life," she said on the tape. "I think in that plan he has wanted me to be an example for others and show them that if you really try, you can do things. Having a disability has definitely made me try harder. I really don't know what it is except maybe an inner drive, an inner motivation just to prove to yourself that you can do it."

After the video was shown at the convention, Auman played piano

and sang "We Shall Behold Him" for the 1,500 people in attendance.

The video included comments on Auman from NWC students, faculty, staff and coaches, as well as remarks from her family members, doctors and high school staff.

## Summer Overseas

Several NWC professors and students spent part of the summer overseas. Three faculty members—**Dr. Doug Anderson**, assistant professor of history; **Dr. Verna De Jong**, associate professor of English; and **Dr. Don Lindskoog**, professor of psychology—journeyed to China as part of a Reformed Church in America travel seminar to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the RCA's work there. Anderson was interested in the trip because he teaches a course in Chinese civilization; De Jong and Lindskoog wanted to see the place where her great-aunt served as a missionary in the 1920s.

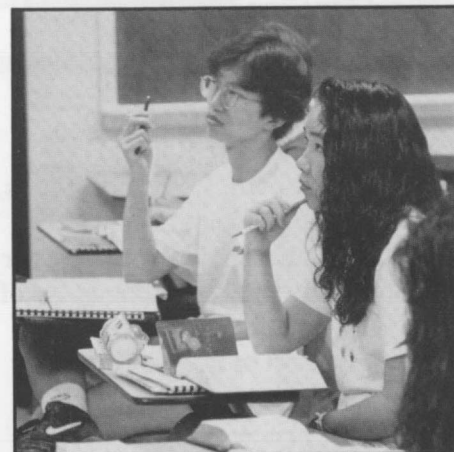
**Dr. Andy Johnson**, assistant professor of psychology, traveled to Russia with a group of Dordt College faculty members. Johnson toured psychiatric facilities, hospitals and schools in Moscow, Nishni-Novgorod and St. Petersburg. He also met with Russian psychologists, educators, government officials and missionary leaders.

Two co-captains of Northwestern's football team, Jason Smits of Maurice and Rob Hofmeyer of Hospers, also were in Russia. They played on a squad sponsored by International Sports Ministries. Sports ministry was part of Kristie De Boer's summer as well. The Alton volleyball player was on an Athletes in Action team in Bolivia.

**Dr. Keith Allen**, associate professor of theatre and speech, immersed himself in British theatre for three months in the spring semester. During sabbatical leave,

he and his wife, Marabel, saw 33 productions in England and Wales. The Allens also visited numerous museums in the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany.

## Summer Institute



Summer Institute participants studied English as a Second Language and the Gospel of John for five weeks.

Thirty young men and women from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Laos attended NWC's ninth annual Summer Institute for International Students. Special emphasis was placed on cross-cultural encounters through field trips and host family relationships.

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## Faculty Active in Scholarship

**Dr. Rick Moore**, assistant professor of communication studies, presented a paper at the national conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Kansas City. Moore spoke on "Packaging Dissent: Radical Environmentalism, Television News, and Ideological Containment" at the August meeting. Moore's paper examines network news coverage of Earth First!, focusing on the marginalization of the group through video and audio cues

presented in news packages.

**Jeff and Karen Barker**, assistant professors of theatre and speech, led sessions on communicating at a July Reformed Church in America missions conference in Madison, Wis. In addition, Jeff's play, "Final Approach of Flight 232," has been accepted for publication in the *Alabama Literary Review*. Jeff also conducted a workshop in June at the University of South Dakota's Music Conductors Summer Music Workshop. His session was entitled "Story, Theatre and Music."

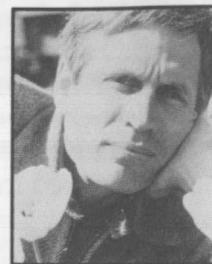
**Dr. Jay Van Hook**, professor of philosophy, has added graduate education coordinator to his title. He will coordinate Northwestern's efforts to encourage more students to attend top-rated graduate schools. This project is funded by a grant from the Pew Younger Scholars Program.

**Dr. Michael Yoder**, associate professor of sociology, spoke at an international conference commemorating 300 years of Amish society. The July conference, held in Lancaster County, Pa., was one of the largest gatherings ever of people who do research and write about Amish culture. Yoder presented a paper entitled "The Persistence of Traditional Anabaptism in Iowa: Differences Between Amish and Mennonites."

During August, **Dr. Robert Lay** was trained in the use of the Reformed Church's new curriculum—"L-I-F-E." The assistant professor of religion is now introducing the Christian educational materials to Siouxland churches. Lay also gave a Sunday School teacher training workshop on the topic of "Reaching Adults"

for local Reformed Church congregations.

**Rein Vanderhill**, associate professor of art, and his wife, Margo, had their art work displayed in the Bettye Clark



Rein Vanderhill

Cannon Gallery in Muskegon, Mich., this summer. The Vanderhills' show, "Natural View," featured watercolor flowers and landscapes, oil pastel paintings and pictorial collages.

## Carver Scholars

Two NWC students will each receive over \$7,000 in scholarship funds as 1993-94 Carver Scholars. Jody Rossell, a senior philosophy and psychology major from Griswold, and Kim Scorza, a junior psychology and social work major from Alton, were selected to receive the scholarships by the Iowa College Foundation.

Rossell and Scorza are among 54 scholarship recipients from Iowa independent colleges and universities. The program, resulting from a grant by The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, is designed to help students who demonstrate the desire to succeed by overcoming significant social, economic and psychological obstacles to work toward a college degree.

## Northwestern Hosts Writing Workshop

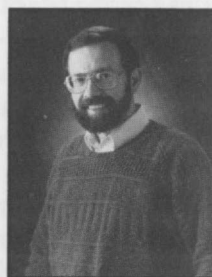
For the second year, Northwestern served as host for an Iowa Writing Project workshop. Approximately 15 teachers took the Level I: Writing Across the Curriculum workshop June 14-July 2, designed to help teachers from all fields learn to better utilize writing in their classrooms.

## Dial Direct!

Northwestern's new telephone system enables callers to dial directly to offices and students, bypassing the switchboard.

Here are the direct line numbers for some NWC offices. If you need help from the switchboard attendant, you can call the central phone number, 712-737-7000.

Academic Dean	712-737-7102
Admissions	712-737-7130
Alumni Office	712-737-7106
Athletic Director	712-737-7280
Box Office	712-737-7222
Business Office	712-737-7122
Career Dev. Center	712-737-7225
Development Office	712-737-7106
Financial Aid	712-737-7131
Maintenance	712-737-7170
Marriott Food Svce.	712-737-7185
Operations Office	712-737-7165
President's Office	712-737-7100
Public Relations	712-737-7116
Ramaker Library	712-737-7234
Registrar's Office	712-737-7145
Rowenhorst St. Ctr.	712-737-7230
Sports Hotline	712-737-7202
Student Affairs	712-737-7200
Student Ministries	712-737-7190



Dr. Michael Yoder

# Employees Bring Solid Credentials

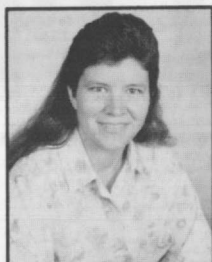
Northwestern welcomed several new full-time employees over the summer, including four assistant professors.

Filling a vacancy in social work created when Dwight Hymans left for a faculty position at Ball State University is Catherine Maxwell. Since 1974, Maxwell has been a social worker with the Jefferson County Schools in Golden, Colo. Earlier, she spent nine years as a social worker with Veterans Administration hospitals in Ohio. She holds a Master of Social Administration degree from Case Western Reserve University and is a licensed clinical social worker. Her undergraduate studies in sociology were completed at Wheaton College.

Dr. Kimberly Regnier will teach mathematics. She replaces David Hardy who was on a temporary appointment. Regnier served as a graduate assistant at Colorado State University since 1986 while she completed her master's and doctoral degrees. She holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University.

Replacing Eric Hansmeier, who was on a temporary appointment in the history discipline, is Dr. Barry Ryan. He received a bachelor's degree from Westmont College and earned a Master of Divinity degree at Fuller Seminary. His Ph.D. in early modern European history is from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Additionally, he completed a law degree and served as an instructor at the University of California, Berkeley. This past year, Dr. Ryan worked full-time as an attorney with the San Francisco firm of Farella, Braun and Martel.

Rounding out the new faculty members is Barbara Top who teaches in the education department. Top replaces Dr. Judy



Dr. Kimberly Regnier



Barbara Top



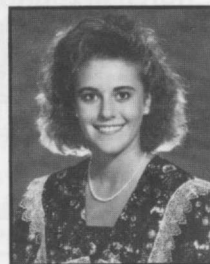
Catherine Maxwell



Dr. Barry Ryan



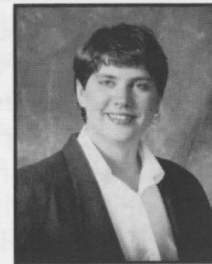
Leah Dykstra



Amy Schmidt



Heather Weiss



Laura Rowedder

Vander Wilt who has moved to Sarasota, Fla., with her husband, the Rev. Marlin '55. Top comes to Northwestern from Area Education Agency #4 in Sioux Center where she has worked as a special education supervisor since 1989. Her previous employment included serving as associate director of Hope Haven in Rock Valley and as an associate professor at Dordt College. Top earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Augustana College and an education specialist degree at Drake University.

The admissions office had two slots to fill this fall. Donna (Pennings '92) Van Peursem has moved to Des Moines where her husband, Greg '93, will attend medical school. Laura (Ver Mulm '90) De Boer is now living in Southern California while her husband, Bob '91, attends Fuller Seminary and works as director of youth ministries at Rancho Capistrano Community Church in San Juan Capistrano.

Two 1993 graduates, Amy Schmidt and Leah (Sikkema) Dykstra, will replace Van Peursem and De Boer. Both young women

were included in the 1992 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Schmidt was active on campus as a cheerleader, a member of the Student Government Association, an R.A., and a member of the Orientation Staff. Dykstra sang in the A cappella Choir, served the admissions office as a Student Ambassador, worked as an R.A., and participated in the Student Government Association.

Heather Weiss comes to Northwestern as resident director of Fern Smith Hall from California. A graduate of Azusa Pacific University, she replaces Jill Vance who has moved with her husband, Jeremy '93, to Phoenix. He will be attending Western Seminary-Phoenix. Weiss has experience as a resident assistant, camp counselor and substitute teacher.

Laura Rowedder is the new athletic trainer. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa where she has been pursuing graduate studies in athletic training and exercise science. Rowedder served as an athletic trainer at Iowa Medical Clinic in Cedar Rapids for three years. She replaces David Meeuwssen.



# '68: Year of Upheaval

by Deborah Menning

*"We can change the world  
Rearrange the world  
It's dying, to get better."*

*"Chicago" - Graham Nash*

Across the country this fall, members of the Class of 1968 are gathering on campuses where, 25 years ago, many of them fought to "change the world." While grappling with the constant fear that they, or their loved ones, would be the next ones called to serve in an escalating "conflict," the Class of '68 watched as cataclysmic jolts shook away America's core and leader after leader fell, tragically or politically, to the era's whim. Rarely, and perhaps thankfully, does a year lay claim to such a wide range of earth-moving events as did 1968.

Rarely, and thankfully, do college students experience such an historic year. At Northwestern, nearly 100 graduates lived through 1968 in the relative peace and safety of a quiet campus. Although they didn't march in protest or riot in the streets as did their contemporaries, Northwestern's Class of '68 deeply felt the year's pain.

*"Military madness was killing my country*

*So much sadness comes over me  
War. War. War. War. War. War."*

*"Military Madness" - Graham Nash*

Key to each Northwestern student's existence in 1968 was the looming threat of the draft. The Class of '68 lived, ate and slept Vietnam. Most of the young men on campus knew that they could

be called up to serve in the military at any time if the war continued to escalate.

The Rev. Leon Draayer, now pastor of Chino Valley Reformed Church in California, commuted each day from his home near Ireton. For him and his commuting companion, Edwin Oltmanns, "the war and going to the war was always the constant topic of conversation on the daily ride to Orange City." Leon continues, "The future was so uncertain for all of us. We didn't know the way the war would go and whether or not we would eventually have to go ourselves.

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*Far from the protests and riots, NWC's students still felt the year's pain.*

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Even though we didn't want to, we were willing to serve and we still had enough patriotism left in us that we wouldn't have protested." Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Bill Verdoorn recalls, "Guys didn't intentionally go to college at Northwestern to avoid the draft but we were all happy it was happening that way just the same."

Young women were only slightly less affected by the Vietnam question. Sharon Gebauer graduated with the Class of 1970 but was a mainstay on the *Beacon* staff in '68. Her poetry, published in many issues during that year, reflects the feminine concern about the war. In "My

Son, A Soldier," she wrote,

"Twas in the fall, they called my son to go and fight and kill  
A mere eighteen, he left that day; how could they deem it fair?

He's just a boy in dungarees, a cowlick in his hair....

Oh God be with the rest like me who on this night do kneel,  
To ask the same for their dear son and feel the pain I feel....

But soon, I got another note though I read but a fraction;  
The words I read glared up at me, 'Your son was killed in action.'"

## VIETNAM

Sharon's "Sonnet on War" showed her own distaste for the Vietnam conflict:

"Oh foolish generation, can't you see the folly of your feet upon the field?

We fight, we die, for what, to yield just cause for later years' catastrophe.

Whate'er we ask, can't be gained through war; the mind alone unlocks the door of peace."

*"Politicians sit yourself down  
There's nothing for you here..."*

*"Chicago"*

Because the war was so much at the forefront of their minds, several from the Class of '68 recall exactly where they were when President Lyndon Johnson announced late in March that he would not seek re-election. Esther

(Koerselman) Van Dyke, a Sioux City schoolteacher, views the event this way, "I can remember exactly when L.B.J. decided not to run. We were on choir tour, I think in Huntington Beach, Calif. Prof Van Wyk announced the news to us just before our concert. For me, there was a feeling of relief as well as shock and surprise. With the escalation of the war, friends being called up, friends being killed, I felt there would now be some change in the status of the war."

Leon Draayer echoed Esther's feelings in similar words, "I can remember where I was when I heard about President Johnson's resignation as clearly as I can remember where I was when President Kennedy was killed in 1963. That day in '68, I was listening to the car radio while waiting for a doctor's appointment. The news of Johnson's resignation came over the radio. I believe that I remember it so well because I thought that maybe this would mean the end of the war and that the problem would just go away."

*"The army had my father  
And my mother was having me...  
Military madness was killing the  
country...  
So much sadness between you and  
me..."*

*"Military Madness"*

Some from the Class of '68 ended up going where few wanted to go. Bill Verdoorn made an active decision to join the service after graduation based on his feeling that it was time to do his part. Bill more or less volunteered for Vietnam by selecting a gunship to fly as he came out of flight school. He knew such planes were headed for 'Nam. For 368 days, Bill didn't see the light of day. He and his crew slept from dawn until dusk to prepare for each night's foray over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in

defense of fire camps - a placement of 100-200 infantry or Marines in the jungle surrounded by Viet Cong. Bill is proud to say that as long as the gunships were overhead, not one of those fire camps was overrun.

Jim Mouw, now a math teacher at Iowa Falls High, received his draft notice on Friday the 13th of October, 1968. As a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy, Jim served two tours of duty off the coast of Vietnam aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. Because he was not directly "in country" Jim says, "The war was fairly sanitized, at a

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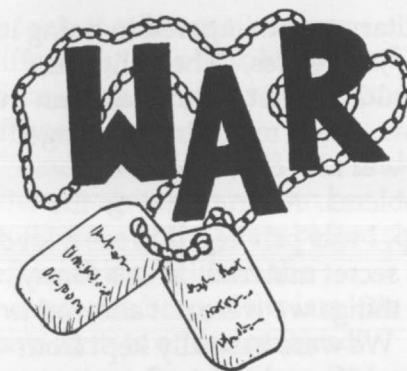
"Where does the Northwestern student fit in with the world outside of Orange City? How does Christianity fit in a world of cold wars, hot-but undeclared wars, and L.S.D.? Is Christianity only a means of escape from the hard truth of life? Is it merely an opiate, or subtle substitute for the socially unacceptable escape offered by alcohol, pot and L.S.D.?"

How many young people wouldn't be willing to risk a 'bad trip' for escape from draft worries over a war they protest but may be forced to die in? Where can anyone turn for security in the insecure world we have made? These are the questions, and this is the world, we face.

In a world where there seems to be only questions that have no answers we must find a purpose, a meaning, a focal point for our lives. In a world of insecurity we must find something secure to which we can turn. As students of Northwestern, a Christian college, we must seek out truth through Christ.

To a world that is constantly changing he says that he alone is unchanging. Is this our answer? Let us each examine it and see if it is true."

"No Black or White" by Mary  
(Wierenger '68) Warbasse, *The Beacon*,  
Feb. 12, 1968



distance. The planes went out and some didn't come back. That was personal but the war itself was removed for me."

Both Bill and Jim say they received no negative responses when they returned Stateside after their tours of duty. Both came home to Iowa initially and feel that geography impacted their reception. People in rural Iowa were proud of their returning sons. Bill, who went career in the Air Force, explains that his time, after a brief leave home in Iowa, was spent on military bases where everyone felt as he did. One clear recollection for him, though, stems back to movies about World War II. He explains, "In those movies, we always see thick crowds waiting to greet a returning shipload of soldiers. Flags wave, horns blare, confetti streams down on the heroes. There was none of that for those of us who served in Vietnam. We were met on base by a bus that took us to a commercial airport. From there, I flew into Sioux City and a friend picked me up at the airport. There were no brass bands. Some of that, admittedly, was because we all came home at differing times, but some of it was because the war was unpopular."

Another memory that Bill and Jim share is the feeling that Vietnam could have been a winnable war except that the





military was hampered in doing its job. Jim relates, "The politicians should have let the military run the show. Their meddling prolonged the war and caused a lot of problems. As an officer on the ship, I was privileged to see a lot of top secret material. It was funny the things we were not allowed to do. We were basically kept from being allowed to win the war through decisions made by politicians. The hands of the military were tied too many times."

*"In a land that's known as Freedom  
How can such a thing be fair?"*

*"Chicago"*

For people on the homefront in '68, the war was ever present but so, too, was the feeling that each moment of the year, history was in the making. January began in high gear with the capture of the USS Pueblo by North Korea. Within a week, the media began to recount the agonies of the Tet Offensive. It wasn't long before L.B.J. made his astounding announcement followed only four days later by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Like the death of John Kennedy and the resignation of Lyndon Johnson, the moment of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination is indelibly etched on the minds of the Class of '68.



Northwestern may not have had riots or racial tensions like many campuses that year but her

students felt a great measure of the nation's grief over King's murder. Jim Mouw sees the moment from the windows of the choir tour bus just as it pulled into Orange City. Rev. Bill Faulkner, pastor and psychotherapist at Ft. Washington Collegiate Church in New York, can "very clearly recall sitting in sociology class with Prof Ben Wiese the day Dr. King was murdered. Several of our peers from the South were beside themselves in grief. That grief stopped the regular classroom activities. Attuned to their grief, Prof Wiese allowed them to discuss it. For most of us, our own backgrounds prohibited us from empathizing with the significance of the loss or the greatness of the man."

Bill Faulkner is astute in his perceptions. Loretta Lewis, an African American from Alabama who would graduate with the Class of '69, wrote movingly of her feelings in the April 29, 1968, issue of the *Beacon*:

"At first, I cried not because I had lost faith in America. Frankly, I didn't have that unswerving...faith in America that Martin Luther King...did. I cried because the one person who had inspired me to try to become equipped to face the white man's world, to overcome the white man's limitations ascribed to me by my black birth, and to believe that there was still hope that Americans would come to their senses, was murdered.

I cried because NWC was out of touch with the current events in America and because their apostle had no meaning to them. I cried because this Christian college had no personal reaction to a Christian life lived after the example of Jesus' life.

Yes, there were concerned persons who tried to create some kind of understanding and emotion....But our student body is a living testimony to their failure....I talked and explained yet that didn't help. I hoped and I had to face the reality of the hopelessness of my hope. Now my hope is gone. Only grief and disappointment remain."

*"Don't ask Jack to help you  
'Cause he'll turn the other ear..."*  
*"Chicago"*

Many white Americans, among them some newly matriculated Northwestern grads, felt a measure of Loretta's grief and disappointment in a new light that June as

## From the Archives

"We are presently living in a world of turmoil and tension. As citizens of this country it is our duty to become involved with the world in which we live.

It is not asking what we can do for our country, it's doing it! Our actions don't have to be in the form of enlistment or running for a political office or in seeking any one of hundreds of government positions. Our move can be in the direction of understanding one another and in building peaceful relationships with our fellow men. Do we understand the problems in the ghettos, of our friends and neighbors, of Americans in all parts of the country? Do we try? It takes more than skimming over the front page of the newspaper to understand and know a situation.

As Americans we must not only become aware, but also become involved in our world. Now is the time to be concerned, so awake Americans, awake!"  
"Americans, Awake!" by Marilyn (DeBoer '69) Clauss, *The Beacon*, Feb. 12, 1968



they saw their second hope for Camelot lie dying on the floor of a Los Angeles hotel. Again there is a litany of "where-I-was-when-I-heard-the-news."

Firman Schiebout was living in California at the time of Robert Kennedy's death and felt the impact from a closer vantage point than he would have back home in Orange City. Clarice (Ahlers) Alons, a homemaker in Hull, recalls, "I remember thinking, 'Oh, no! Another one of the Kennedys.'"

Most telling of all is Sharon Gebauer's reaction. She reflects, "After Dr. King's and R.F.K.'s assassinations, I went into a real depression. I decided at that time that I did not want to bring children into a world like this and that's the reason I've not had children."

*"We can change the world  
Rearrange the world  
It's dying, let a man live his own  
life  
It's dying, rules and regulations  
who needs them?  
Open up the Door..."*

*"Chicago"*

In the spring of 1968, cities and campuses across the nation erupted in violent rioting that would eventually lead to a full-scale student protest movement fueled by the drug culture, free love, feminism, "God is dead" theology and the ever-increasing strain of supporting an unpopular, undeclared war. Looking back at the changes which have taken place in the last 25 years, members of the Class of '68 point to a variety of things.

Bill Faulkner believes that, "1968 impacts 1993 by enabling us to have a more realistic view of life, society and government. That era made me inquisitive about the

practices of the government, less trusting of rhetoric, less believing in the good faith of leaders, less confident in the bureaucracy to enact programs that are for the people, more suspect of power groups. On the other side, it also gave me a deeper respect for our government in relationship to other governments of the world. I came to have a profound regard for the great diversity of the American population and a deep respect for those who fought for those who wouldn't."

Firman Schiebout's business interests as vice president of The



Trane Company in New Palestine, Ind., help him to note particular changes. "Management styles of the '90s had their genesis in the fact that people began to question all authority in the late '60s. The requirements to successfully manage people in the workplace had to change and our current management principles have grown out of that - that whole idea that people have to have their own say.

"In that era," continues Firman, "television came into its own in showing things live. That changed the way leaders approached getting their message out and the whole way the media are used in the political process. Television and Vietnam have caused America

to look at military situations differently. We look longer and more carefully at any commitment of troops."

Linda (Vanderhorst) Van Beek, who saw great changes in her students over the years before she left teaching, believes the movements born of the late '60s gave birth to a "me-centered" generation. Says Linda, a lifelong resident of Chino, Calif., "People realized life was short so they would live it for the day, right now. They became very selfish. The result in the '90s is that people can be very rude. For instance, they can't wait patiently in line; they blare their horns at others on the highway; they live for the weekend - to 'hit the road and be outta here.'"

## From the Archives

"Now I consider myself to be a good American...yet I could not fight in Vietnam. It would be foolish for me to risk my life for something, at least to me, that does not endanger my freedom and that of my country.

My theology tells me that I am to love my God with my whole being. Now I realize that I seldom if ever live up to that creed—Who does? But I do know that I would stray further away if I were fighting in some Viet Cong on my M-2 rifle. To pull that trigger would require me to renounce all those times I stood in church and repeated the Apostle's Creed or stood behind a pulpit and told of God's love and how we must show this love given to us to others. I could not pull the trigger and believe all that. If this is treason in the eyes of my government, then I am guilty."

"Conscience of a Dissenter" by Paul Nulton '69, *The Beacon*, March 22, 1968





Some nationally prominent figures claim that many of today's social problems - such as staggering rates of violent crime, illegitimate births, divorce and child abuse - can be traced to ideas that took hold in the '60s. Northwestern's Dr. Carl Saalbach, assistant professor of sociology, himself came of age in the '60s. While conceding that there was excess in that decade, Saalbach cautions against simplistic conclusions. "To say we sowed the seeds of destruction in the '60s, and are reaping the results now, discounts what's happened since 1968. In the '70s there was the introspective period. The '80s were characterized by greed."

Saalbach, who has taught courses on the '60s (including one last year at NWC), has significant insights on the period. In his course he looks at the '60s in terms of five movements: civil rights, student unrest, the anti-war

movement, the feminist movement and the counter culture. He sees the major failure of students in that era as an inability to channel their energy and idealism into one cause and stay the distance. When the war ended, many lost their impetus to continue the crusade.

Saalbach has his own theory which sheds light on the impact of the '60s. He explains, "Every generation has generational memory. There is always something that happens politically, economically or socially in society while people are in the 16-24 age group that will traumatize them as a whole generation. They will spend the rest of their lives trying to work it out. For our parents, the Depression and World War II galvanized them in terms of how they spent their lives in pursuit of security, money and comfort.

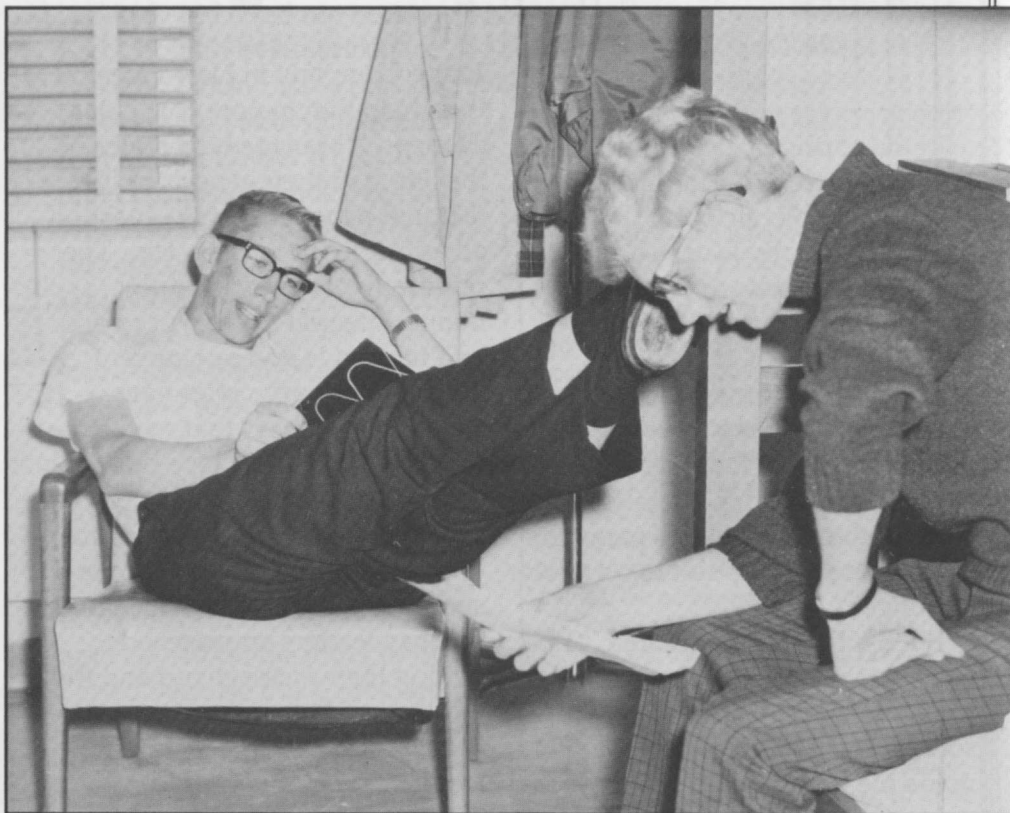
"My hunch is that for some of us from the '60s, the intellectual and emotional rationalization was

'This was a fad. I'm now grown up and need to settle down, get a job.' This group dismisses their '60s experiences as not having been authentic. For others the wounds are still there. Healing hasn't occurred so they have to continue on in a pathological existence pretending that time has stood still. The third group is made up of those who have made peace with themselves. They've come to grips with the failure that we didn't create the new world order, rearrange the world, if you will. But they will carry on today in their corner of the world doing what they can to make it a bit better. Back then, we thought we could change the world. We're older and wiser now and know that we can only change a little piece of society."

*Lyrics from "Chicago" and "Military Madness" by Graham Nash from "Songs for Beginners," 1971, Atlantic Recording Corporation.*

## On Northwestern's Campus in '68

- The \$525,000 Science-Mathematics-Foreign Language Building (east wing of Van Peursem Hall) was dedicated.
- Ferenc Nagy, former prime minister of Hungary, spoke in February.
- Total enrollment was 703.
- Fourteen new faculty began their positions in 1967-68, including Keith Allen, Glen Hegstad, Ron Juffer, Don Lindskoog, Lyle VanderWerff and Henry Veldhuis.
- Construction was completed on Union (now Hospers) Hall.
- Thirty-six students traveled to Charles City, Iowa, in mid-May to help the town clean up after a devastating tornado.
- The Young Democrats Club went to Omaha to help with Eugene McCarthy's presidential bid.



# Homecoming '93

## Friday, Oct. 22

5 p.m.	Alumni Recital Dirk Lindner '79, organ	Christ Chapel
6:45 p.m.	Alumni Recognition Dinner	Hospers Hall
8 p.m.	Air Band Competition	RSC Mini-Gym
9:30 p.m.	Movie, "Beauty and the Beast"	Bogaard Theater

## Saturday, Oct. 23

9:30 a.m.-noon	Morning on the Green (Bring the kids!) Clowns/mimes      Music performances Face painting      Mug & Muffin booth Children's games	
9:30 a.m.	Campus Tours	
10:30 a.m.	Dedication of Renovations	Fern Smith Cafeteria
11:30 a.m.	Brat & Burger Fry	West end of the campus green
1:30 p.m.	Football vs. Concordia	DeValois Field
2 & 9:30 p.m.	Movie, "Beauty and the Beast"	Bogaard Theater
4:30 p.m.	Fifth Quarter Cider, coffee & cookies N-Club awards Report from fall captains & coaches	Auditorium
6 p.m.	Special Class Dinners (1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983 and 1988)	
9 p.m.	Homecoming Dance	RSC Mini-Gym

## Sunday, Oct. 24

8-10 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Fern Smith Cafeteria
11 a.m.	Alumni/Student Worship Service The Rev. Shari Brink '83	Christ Chapel



# Moore Looks for More in the Media



Dr. Rick Moore analyzes network television news coverage of a radical environmental group. This study is among several he has conducted exploring the mass media's reflection of cultural views.

by Duane Beeson

As the videotape rolls, Dr. Rick Moore points out intriguing insights about the media to a faculty luncheon group. While replaying network news coverage of a radical environmental organization, Moore says, "The media pick an antagonist and a protagonist. In each of these reports Earth First! is the former and the logging and timber industry is the latter. The events are clearly dichotomized."

"Here," Moore continues, pointing to the TV screen, "you see that the people most involved in the stories are shown in close-ups while the reporter, the narrator, is seen from more of a distance to present an air of objectivity. Notice, also, that the reporters describe Earth First! as just interested in saving the Redwood forest. The group has many more objectives than that, but

news organizations tend to oversimplify."

Moore, assistant professor of communication studies at Northwestern since 1989, has a diverse range of research interests. His most recent project, studying the ways that the news media tend to marginalize groups—like radical environmental organizations—that are far from the ideological center, has been preceded by examinations of mass media's role in developing community, Hollywood's treatment of religious pacifism, network television advertising's promotion of environmentalism, and the values and ideas that are upheld in TV dramas. The common thread in all of these studies is that they explore mass media's reflection of cultural views.

"At the same time that network television commercials are saying,

'We're Dow Chemical, we love the environment,' network news is showing stories of the police locking up radical environmentalists. You've got this very interesting scale that runs from the one side—the radical environmentalists whom the television news media tend to portray as deviants—to the other side where Dow Chemical is proclaiming that environmentalism is a good thing. Somewhere between the two our culture is trying to find a norm that we can adhere to and say this is where we want to be," explains Moore.

In his study of pacifism in movies, Moore found an unwillingness to accept very firm pacifism. "In films such as 'Sergeant York' or 'Friendly Persuasion' the vision we have at the end is that pacifism is a great ideal but it doesn't work. The

producers seem to say that we should be more practical and realize this is a cold, cruel world, that we need to find a more center ground. I think that's the same thing we see in the television news portrayal of environmentalism. The news suggests that environmentalism in terms of having a pristine world where there's no pollution and we don't do any harm to the environment is a great ideal but it doesn't work, so we need to find more of a center ground."

The mass media's tendency to favor groups and views that are seen as being at society's ideological median also influences news coverage of Christians, Moore says. "I think people who have a life that's firmly bounded in Scripture, who see following Christ and his teachings in

## Up Close

### Rick MOORE

**Education:** B.A. in broadcasting, Pepperdine University; M.A. and Ph.D. in mass communication, University of Oregon.

**Family:** Wife, Kim, homemaker and part-time private tutor; daughter, Emily (1).

**Hobbies:** Spending time with his family, traveling, woodworking, fixing antiques, participating in athletics, fishing.

**Comments on NWC students:** "I've had many opportunities to interact with our students outside of the classroom, by participating in the intramural program and going on a service project to Mexico. Through all of those experiences, I've found that our students are very enjoyable to be with. They are exceptional in their ability to get along with each other and those around them, and they are, for the most part, very respectful."

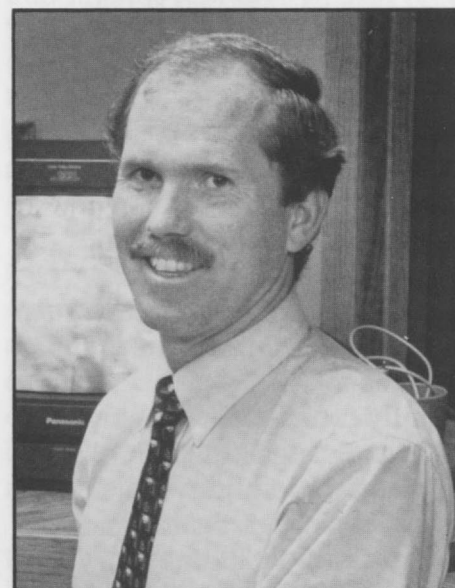
the Word of God as being more important than following anybody or anything else, are shown as being outcasts in society and being unacceptable fringe-dwellers, to use rather harsh terminology. Even when Christianity is portrayed positively in the national news media, I find it to be very watered down, kind of a touchy-feeley Christianity that they think everyone could be happy with."

Moore and his departmental colleagues at NWC, Dr. Bill Herzog and Carl Vandermeulen, strive to give students a broad understanding of the media's strengths and weaknesses. "All of our courses are more than just training them to do something. We're trying to get them to look very critically at the way the media work in our society," says Moore. As director of Northwestern's television studio, Moore gives students many hands-on experiences to supplement their theoretical understanding of the media. Students, and members of the community, produce a number of programs under Moore's guidance that run on the local cable access channel.

When he was in college, Moore chose to study mass communications over the sciences because aptitude tests revealed that he should be in more of a socially-oriented field. His love for academic pursuit led him on to graduate school, where his interest in being a college professor was reaffirmed. "I saw so many students who came in as undergraduates who were malleable and were perhaps unwavering in their adherence to whatever the faculty members fed them. The way I saw a lot of faculty members use it, I thought this power was a very negative thing. I had faculty members in grad school who were so pessimistic, so nihilistic

even, as they perceived the world around them and it was interesting to note how much that nihilism wore off on their students. But I saw there a potential to have a lot of positive impact on young people's lives, to be in a position to say to students, 'Stop and think and look at the world in a way that will have positive results rather than negative results.'"

Moore chooses that tack when teaching students about the inherent structural constraints of the mass media. "I'm willing to consider the possibility that the media are 'unredeemable,' but at this stage in my life I'm just quixotic enough to have some hope that our students can accomplish good things in the media environment. It's not a great world that we live in and the media have a number of flaws, but we need to do the best we can to redeem the world and the media and to bring them under God's control. Let's see if we can't produce television news reporters who have values that are anchored in something other than mud."



Dr. Moore has assisted Northwestern's promotional efforts by videotaping scenes for the capital campaign video and advising in the development of a video for student recruitment.



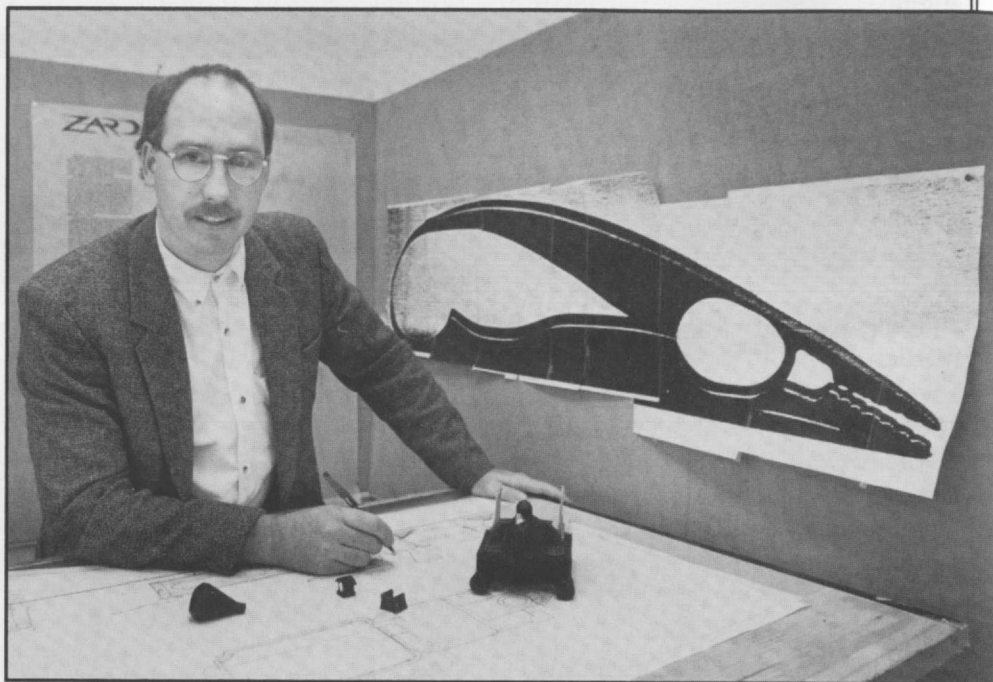
# A Fine Line

Industrial designer balances practicality and imagination

by Deborah Menning

Steve Visser '82 walks a fine line - the line between art and design, between practicality and imagination, between teaching and creating. Perhaps one of his latest creations best illustrates that marriage of the practical and the imaginative. Steve recently achieved international recognition for his design of one-piece plastic fishing pliers which resemble a fish and are used to remove hooks. Rustproof, buoyant, lightweight and fully recyclable, the pliers are a prize-winning piece of practical art.

Steve, an assistant professor of art and design at Purdue University, and one of his students designed the pliers which have won two major awards. In May, the pliers took second place in the Neste Forma Finlandia International Plastics Design Competition in a field of 739 entrants representing 35 different countries. Neste Corp., a Finnish



Steve Visser '82 recently won two awards for his design of recyclable fishing pliers, shown on the sketch beside him. Here he works on the design of the Boilermaker Special, Purdue University's mascot.

oil company, awarded Steve and his student a cash prize of 100,000 Finnish marks, or about \$20,000, for their design. Steve traveled to Finland to accept the prize and also to lecture and give a workshop on design at the University of Industrial Arts in Helsinki. He and his student, senior Miro Tasic, split the prize money, part of which Steve re-invested in his work.

More recently, Steve and Miro won a silver Industrial Design Excellence Award (IDEA93) from the Industrial Designers Society of America. Their pliers won in the category for consumer product concepts. All IDEA93 winners were featured in the June 7 edition of *Business Week* magazine. Purdue is seeking to market the design to manufacturers.

Steve says that balancing life

between teaching and creative endeavors is difficult. He had a longtime desire to teach which was set aside while he worked as a sculptor and in a restaurant to put his wife, Sari (Pikkarainen x'85), through college. During that time, Steve read the works of Victor Papanek and Buckminster Fuller on industrial design. Influenced by their writings, his sculpture took a more functional turn. Steve became challenged by the thought of designing "functional objects that make sense to the user."

The challenge led Steve to graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Although his undergraduate degree was not in the field of industrial design, he was admitted to the U. of I. design program because, as he says, "The work I

## Up Close

### STEVE VISSER

**Family:** Wife, Sari (Pikkarainen x'85); daughters, Nicole (7) and Nadia (5); and son, Cooper (1).

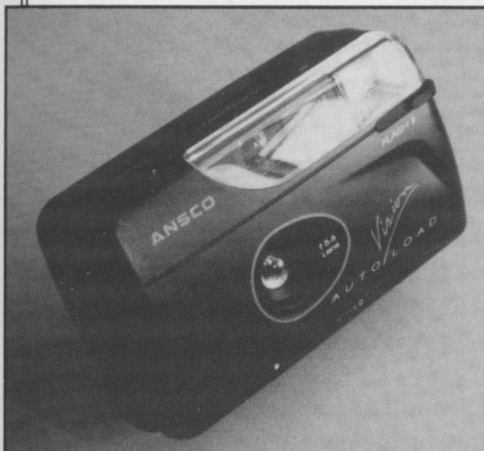
**Family Interests:** Involvement in an Evangelical Free church plant in West Lafayette, Ind., swimming, gardening and traveling - including four trips to Finland to visit Sari's family.

**Words to Old Friends:** "Vote for Spot."

had done at Northwestern convinced the university faculty that I could make the jump from fine arts to applied arts."

While earning his M.F.A., Steve worked as a teaching assistant as well as a renovator of older homes. Seeking practical experience in his field, he went to work for Hari and Associates in Skokie, Ill., after his graduation from the university in 1988. While there he designed the Whistler 750 radar detector and the Ansco Vision AL 35 millimeter camera. After only a few months on the job, the opportunity to teach at Purdue took Steve more quickly into the classroom than he had expected.

In his teaching, Steve consistently tries to do for his students what his Northwestern art professors did for him - allow the freedom to explore and try out new areas as an



The Ansco Vision AL 35 millimeter camera.

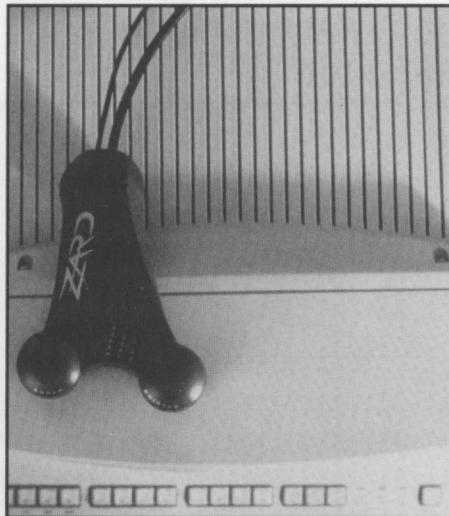
individual artist. His primary motivation in teaching is in seeing students learn - in watching as they proceed from a point of no understanding to total mastery.

About 25 percent of Steve's time is spent in creative endeavors. Much of that takes place during summer consulting work for manufacturers. In this work Steve's goal is to mold products which "fit the human body and mind." As part of the design process, he asks himself, "How does the user

perceive the use of the product? Is the product comfortable to grasp? Is it user friendly? How will the user interact with the design both physically and mentally? Will it be a beautiful object which is visually pleasing?"

The element of external beauty is essential. Steve asks, "Haven't you gone into these lots where they sell off things that didn't sell in the retail market because they were ugly? People don't think about this until they see something that is ugly."

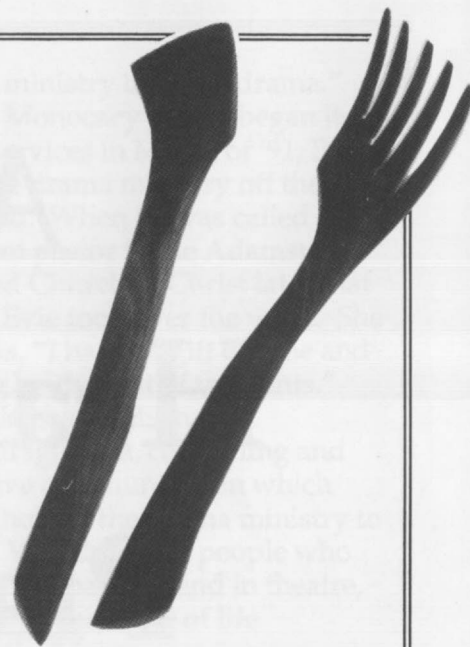
Steve's role in the consulting process varies extensively from project to project. One



The Zard printer interface uses existing electrical wiring to link computer equipment. Right column: Visser's Tango kitchen utensil set.

manufacturer may have the total concept in mind and want only an external casing designed. Steve's work on the Beta 58 wireless microphone dealt exclusively with the visual appearance of the mic. At other times he is involved in every area of a product's evolution.

His favorite contracted project was Zard, a computer peripheral networking device which links computers together using ordinary wall outlets. Steve explains, "The manufacturer was interested in something that was totally new, revolutionary. They didn't want just a copy of a competitor's product. They gave me a great deal



of freedom in the design, making it a project that has been a lot of fun for me personally."

Other designs Steve has completed which are now on the market include the ECG Analyzer, an electrocardiogram device for cats and dogs; the Triquarter Radio Frequency Meter, a meter used in the cable industry to fine-tune channels for clear reception; and the Coulter blood analyzer, to name a few.

Over the summer, Steve was one of several Purdue employees responsible for designing and building the new Boilermaker Special, Purdue's mascot. The train engine and tender car were built over a light truck body and can be seen urging the Boilermakers on to victory this fall at football games.

Although he is technically now a Boilermaker himself, Steve maintains ties with Northwestern and the friends he made on campus. He says, "A strong bond develops between friends at Northwestern that I haven't seen replicated on other campuses."

Last February, Steve was invited to exhibit some of his work at Northwestern's Te Paske Gallery. Entitled "A Fine Line Between Art and Design," the show was an expression of Steve's own commitment to creativity and practicality.



# A Healing Place

*Young church helps people see  
God's relevance in their lives*

by Deborah Menning



Balloons, representing joy, are a frequent sight around the school where Monocacy Valley Church meets.

When the Rev. Mark Vander Meer '77 says he's a risk taker who does his homework first, he's serious. Months of studying demographics, making over 10,000 phone calls, knocking on countless doors and sending ahead a reconnaissance party definitely constitutes doing homework. It's the homework of the '90s for those who want to start new churches which will grow to be viable congregations. Mark, his wife Evie (Hooyer '76), and his brother- and sister-in-law, the Rev. Bruce '76 and the Rev. Mary Ann (Hooyer x'69) Wierks, have begun to see that homework and risk taking pay off at Monocacy Valley Church, a Reformed Church in America (RCA) church plant located in Frederick, Md.

Monocacy Valley is energized by the electric personalities of these Northwestern alumni. Mark says his favorite word is "passion" and he certainly has a lot of it for the

work to which God has called him. One of his key "passions" is for people who have written God or the church out of their lives. It is these people whom Mark and a team of RCA folk targeted as they began to plan for the launching of Monocacy Valley.

Months before the first worship service, Mark was part of a group that spearheaded research into a church plant. During their demographic studies the group found that 65 percent of Frederick County's 97,000 residents were not regular church attenders. Asked why, respondents came back with a litany of complaints against the established church. Those questioned said that church wasn't relevant to their lives, claiming that churches seemed to have little purpose other than being money driven.

By knocking on doors, dialoguing with other area ministers, hiring an RCA pastor to

live in Frederick for a summer and listening to the people, Mark's group began to see the outline of Monocacy Valley Church take form as a place where people would be more important than money, where worship would be enthusiastic and alive, where messages would center on topics related to real life.

The outline called for two pastors and delineated the gifts the two would need to make the church work. Looking at the list, the group immediately saw that Mark's abilities in leadership, faith, speaking/creative communication and encouragement paralleled the gifts they had marked out for one of the pastors.

The second pastor needed gifts of leadership, administration and organization with a background in Christian education, leadership training and small group ministry. The "man" chosen for the job

necessarily would share a strong gift of evangelism with Mark and his same passion for the unchurched.

Mark knew the person needed was his sister-in-law, Mary Ann. Their gifts matched well. They shared in a trusted relationship. But, Mark says, "It was a huge hurdle for the committee to overcome the fact that we were related. In the end, they wanted the set of giftedness."

Mary Ann recalls that Bruce was willing to make the move from New York state, where they were both pastoring Reformed churches, to allow her the opportunity to work in this unique ministry. For Bruce, the decision was made with the knowledge that Monocacy

plans. Over half of current regular attendees at the church came for the first time because of a radio commercial.

Mark writes the radio spots which focus on the issues people brought up during the demographic studies. One begins with a person speaking loudly in a foreign language and goes on to ask, "Have you ever attended a church service and not understood what was going on...And did you wonder if underneath everyone else's smiling face they were just as lost and confused as you?" Another, advertising a message series on "Marriage, Myth and Madness," features a hotly argumentative dialogue between a couple whose

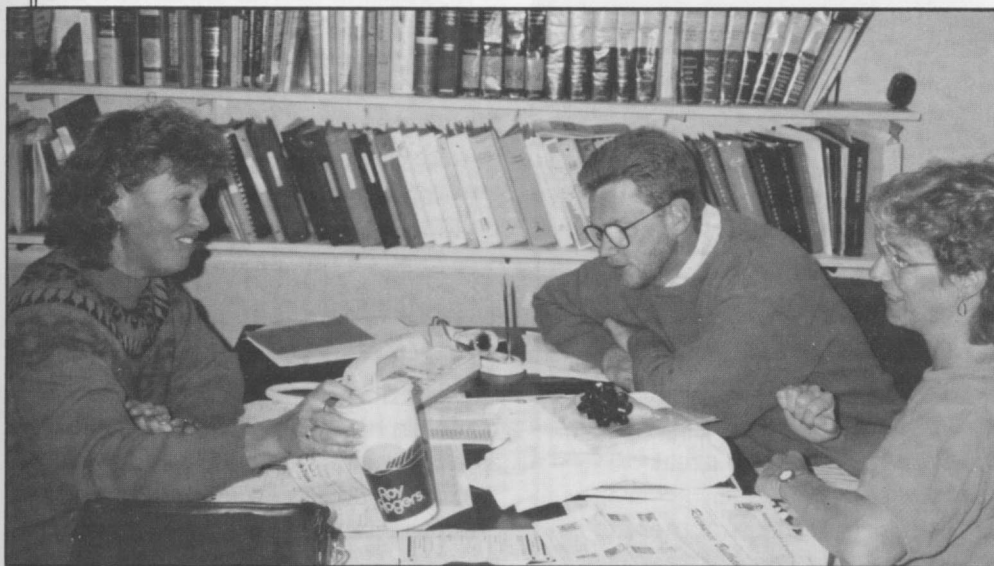
to do ministry through drama."

As Monocacy Valley began its first services in March of '91, Bruce got the drama ministry off the ground. When he was called as interim pastor to the Adamstown United Church of Christ later that year, Evie took over the work. She laughs, "I had the gift of time and flying by the seat of the pants." She also had gifts in encouragement, counseling and creative communication which have helped the drama ministry to soar. Working with people who have little background in theatre, Evie chooses "slice of life vignettes" from a catalog put out by Willow Creek. The dramas point to the gospel message that comes later in the service through contemporary songs and the lesson.

As Mary Ann relates, "There are many different doorways through which people can meet God. They don't all come on Sunday morning." For this reason, she heads up a thriving small groups ministry which channels folk into a more family type setting of 10-12 people. Mary Ann continues, "Our 12 LIFE (Live In Faith Everyday/Love In Full Expression) groups provide a place to belong, to grow in faith and to integrate it in everyday living. They offer pastoral care through crisis support, prayer, discipleship and outreach to the community at large.

"Others are built on issues, support or recovery. We have groups for parenting teens, the unemployed, single women, Christian singles, divorced people and mothers of preschoolers."

Mark is quick to add, "I just stand back and marvel at all these groups. Mary Ann and I only lead one group each so the majority of leaders are these very people who have come out of little or no church background. By sheer necessity we've asked them to lead. It's amazing how fast they grow in faith. It reminds me of



Mary Ann Wierks '69 and Mark '77 and Evie Vander Meer '76 meet in a brainstorming session.

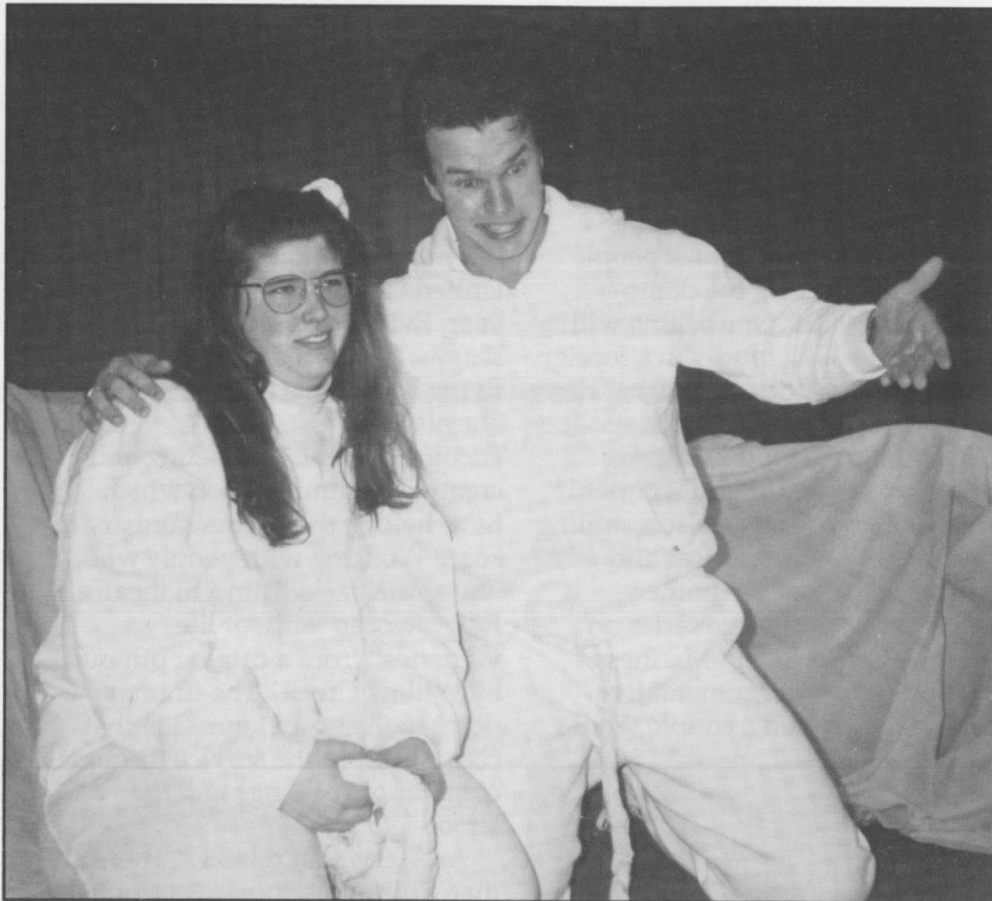
Valley would be the first and only RCA church in Maryland and thus, he would have to look in another direction for work.

Mark and Mary Ann as a pastoring team tapped into Evie's vivacity and Bruce's wisdom to create a think tank from which "wild and crazy" ideas have been spawned with great effectiveness. One of these is the use of radio spots on Top 40 stations to advertise the ministries of Monocacy Valley Church. The ads run on Fridays and Saturdays when non-churchgoers are making weekend

marriage is on the rocks.

Brainstorming ways to make worship more of a celebration, the team evolved a plan that calls for weekly dramas in the service. Bruce recalls, "I was heavily involved in drama at Northwestern under the able guidance and tutelage of Dr. Theora England Willcox and had missed doing theatre over the years. After attending some ministry training workshops at Willow Creek Church (in South Barrington, Ill.) with Evie, I realized that here would be a wonderful opportunity





Drama is an important part of the Monocacy Valley Church worship services. Although services have been held for less than two-and-a-half years, attendance averages more than 150 weekly.

Jesus and the disciples. Others wouldn't have chosen them to lead, yet they turned the world upside down."

Evie gives a real life illustration, "The woman leading the BOP (Breaking Old Patterns) group was abused herself as well as being a drug and alcohol abuser. She lost custody of her children at one point. She brings such insights to the group and 10 times the credibility because she's gone through and is living on the other side."

None of these ministries at Monocacy Valley could happen without financial support. The church is doing well and hopes to be fully self-supporting within a few years but counts on other RCA churches for help now. Bruce, who previously worked as director of development for the Extension Foundation of the RCA, was asked to take over fund-raising duties among the churches of the Mid-Atlantic Synod on behalf of

## Pastors Recall Northwestern's Caring Influence

The Rev. Mark Vander Meer '77 found himself without resources to complete his college education when he felt God was leading in that direction. Although he applied to Northwestern very late in the summer, Roland Simmelink, then director of admissions, told him to come despite the money problems and something would be worked out. Mark recalls, "By the time I arrived on campus in August, Rollie had a full financial aid package ready for me. I was so late to enroll that there literally wasn't room for me so I got to stay in one of the guest rooms. I had my own private bath!"

That original concern is something Mark remembers carrying throughout his years at NWC. One Thanksgiving when he was ready to head east to his parents' home, his car broke down.

Paul Muyskens gave him the keys to a college vehicle, a credit card and advice to have a great Thanksgiving.

Although Mark first met his wife, Evie (Hooyer '76), at NWC in a ceramics class, they didn't date until the following summer when Evie worked in Mark's New Jersey home church as part of an Adventure in Mission. By then, Evie was a Northwestern grad. They became engaged the following Thanksgiving (no wonder he needed a car!)

The Rev. Bruce Wierks '67 has a similar story to tell about Northwestern. A local boy, the idea of attending college close to home was anathema for Bruce. He started college at Buena Vista but transferred to NWC when concerns back home made living a commutable distance to school

expedient. Not long after his transfer, his father died. One day as Bruce walked across campus he was stopped by Financial Aid Director Joe De Vries. Joe wanted to know if a scholarship would be helpful in light of his father's recent death. The scholarship was speedily arranged. Bruce says Joe's action characterizes the sensitivity and caring Northwestern gives to its students year in and year out. He adds that he's glad he made the transfer because it was at NWC, in Choral Readers, that he met his wife, the Rev. Mary Ann (Hooyer x'69). The Wierks just celebrated their silver anniversary.

Ties to NWC have held strong over the years. Mary Ann served a brief stint on the Board of Trustees and Evie is now in a second term of board service.

Monocacy Valley. He adds this task to his already full plate of serving the Adamstown church and working full time in real estate for Linganore Homes.

Risk taking, hard work and financial aid are adding up to lives

*"There are many different doorways through which people can meet God. They don't all come on Sunday morning."*

changed by Christ through Monocacy ministries. Mark performed a wedding several months ago for a former biker and his live-in girlfriend. The groom still carries the tattoos and prison record from his old life but today he is discipling another biker and is teaching a children's unit. The bride has made it her job to call on all newcomers to the church.

Mary Ann recalls the young mother who first came to church because of her children's involvement. Raised in an agnostic home, she had numerous questions. Mary Ann explains, "In Christianity 101, our course for questioners, this young woman said, 'I feel like God and I are just starting to look at each other.' She began to walk with Christ in small, baby steps. Shortly after, she died."

Here, Mark picks up the story, "At her funeral, we could truly celebrate the fact of salvation with a sense of awe at how God moved in her life before she died. Her LIFE group went to the hospital when she had her brain aneurysm and literally surrounded her husband and kids with love and support. They took shifts there. Her agnostic parents couldn't believe it. Her mother said to me, 'You've almost convinced me that there's something to all this.' Who knows where that will lead?"

Each of these NWC alums holds fast to the philosophy that newcomers to Monocacy Valley

must be accepted just as they are, not where the three of them want them to be. They aren't



Mary Ann Wierks loads one of the four vehicles used to transport equipment to Sunday worship each week.

approached as if they have to change immediately. The Monocacy Valley staff even lets these seekers see that not only do they understand their reasons for not attending church, they agree with some of them!

All this means that the staff members must make themselves tremendously vulnerable, willing to share their own pasts, shortcomings and limitations. Evie sums it up by saying, "It means big adaptations from the normal way of doing things. We can't speak 'Christianeese' or talk theology. We have to be very real, vulnerable, with no pretenses at all."

Mark concludes, "We are in a journey together - some of us are just at different points. This philosophy has fostered a profound sense of honesty and acceptance which make this church a healing place."

## Calling All Children!

Northwestern's National Alumni Board is developing a data base for keeping track of the children of NWC alumni. This information will be used to help your children learn more about Northwestern when they start thinking about college choices. Please fill out this form and send it to the Alumni Office, Northwestern College, 101 7th St. SW, Orange City, IA 51041.

Alumni Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

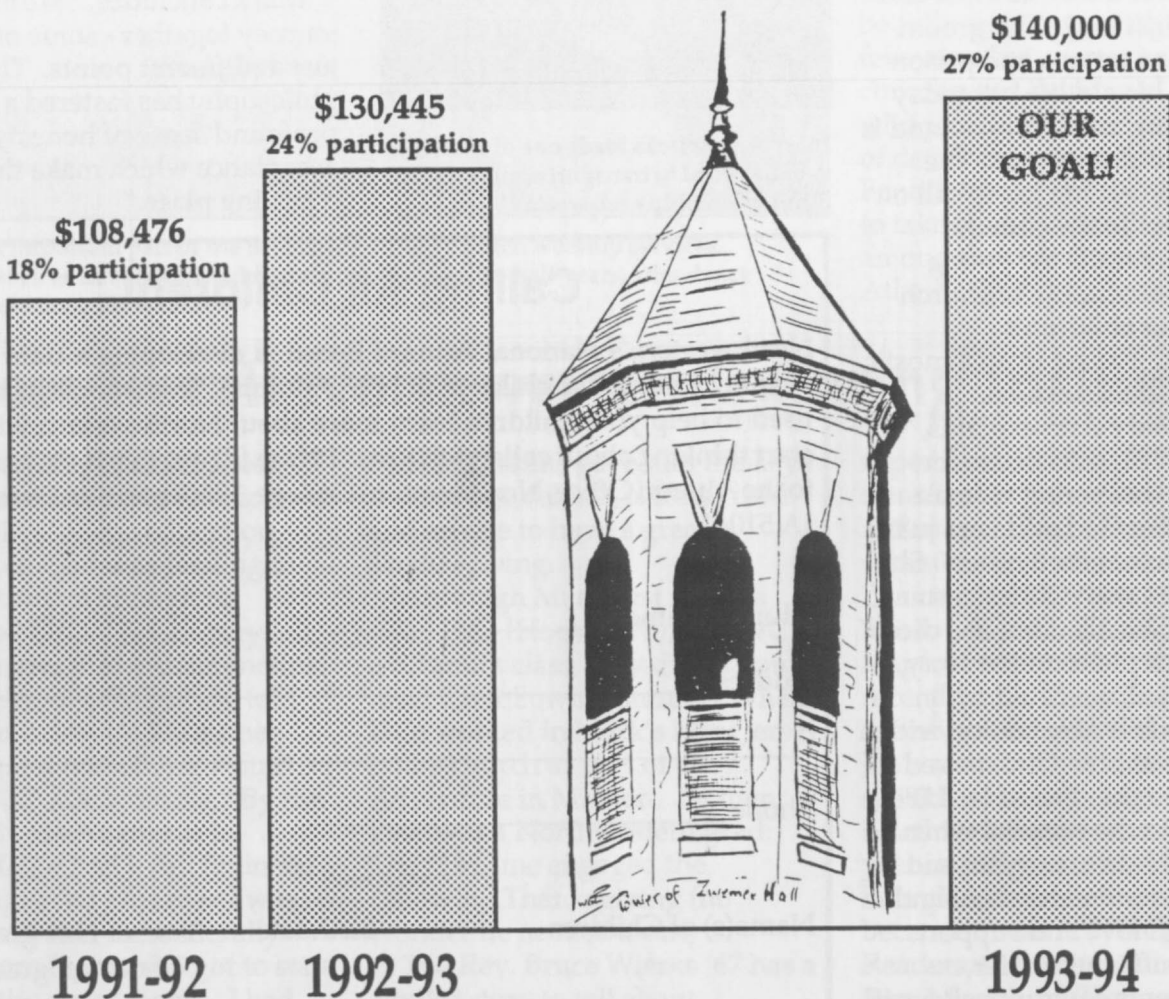
Name(s) of Children	Birthdate	Year of H.S. graduation if not yet graduated
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# Records Fall in Fund Raising

A well-defined and well-received mission are among the reasons NWC reached a record high \$2,638,176 of total gift income for fiscal year 1992-93, believes John Greller, vice president for development. "Our supporting constituencies believe in the importance of a quality, Christ-centered, higher education in a residential, undergraduate, multi-cultural setting. They like the Northwestern of today. They sense her commitment to her mission, and a refreshing vitality on campus," says Greller.

Support of the mission translates into dollars for the college. "God has blessed Northwestern with people who care about her, pray for her and give generously," Greller continues. Facts that substantiate this include a record number of alumni donors to all funds, 2,357, or 30 percent, up from 22 percent the year before. "We're very pleased by this and trust it will grow."

Greller continuously reminds alumni and friends of the college that the needs of the Annual Fund are in addition to the Expanding the Vision capital campaign. "Each year at Northwestern we have ongoing expenses such as faculty/staff salaries, student financial aid, heating, lighting, purchasing up-to-date equipment, supplies, campus maintenance, etc. The unrestricted Annual Fund goes toward this operating budget.

"The analogy I often use in explaining the difference between the capital campaign and the Annual Fund is our church giving.

Our Sunday offerings go toward the operational budgets of our respective churches. When there is a church building project, we regard this as an over-and-above gift to the church. Not only must the building be built, but the operational budget must be maintained as well. The same is true at the college," explains Greller.

The chart on page 22 shows where the college is aiming for this year's Annual Alumni Fund. Greller says he is confident that NWC will reach its goal of \$140,000 and 27 percent alumni participants in the Annual Fund. In so doing, he is eager to see a new record high of total support, surpassing the 30 percent record to all funds this year.

## Have You Remembered NWC in Your Will?

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## ALUMNI NEWS

'27

**Dr. J. Coert Rylaarsdam** has been honored by the University of Chicago Divinity School for his long service on that institution's faculty. The J. Coert Rylaarsdam Prize for Promoting Interfaith Understanding has been established as a tribute to his life of scholarship and service and as an encouragement to Divinity School students who pursue interfaith dialogue and practice. Dr. Rylaarsdam, who received an honorary doctorate from NWC in 1981, retired from the University of Chicago 20 years ago and then taught for another decade at Marquette University. He lives in Chicago.

'47

**Dr. Samuel Noordhoff** is one of 10 people to receive a Loving Heart Award from the Wu Foundation in Taipei, Taiwan. He is the first non-Taiwanese to receive the award. He is a plastic surgeon specializing in operations for children with cleft lip and palate. He recently retired after 33 years of Reformed Church in America missionary service in Taiwan.

'49

**Frank and Anona (Rensink) Elliott** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June.

'50

**The Rev. Harold Korver** was elected vice president of the Reformed Church in America's General Synod in June. He has been pastor at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount, Calif., for 22 years.

'71

**Ellen (Bunger) Errington** and her family are in the States and Canada on a yearlong furlough from mission work in the Philippines. Ellen is using the time to study at the University of Toronto.

## Deaths

**John Dykstra '23** died April 13. He owned and operated a barbershop in Galesville, Wis., for many years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Galesville Industrial Development Corporation. He is survived by his wife, Esther.



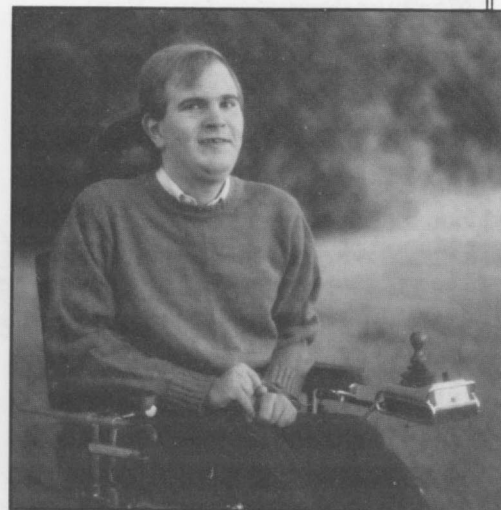
**June (Lubbers '39) Beal** died July 16 after a sudden illness. After graduating from Northwestern, she taught in Newkirk and then earned an education degree from Drake University. She was a schoolteacher in Fort Dodge for 24 years. June was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Dodge and had served on the board of the Fort Dodge YWCA and as a volunteer guide at the Fort Dodge Fort Museum. She was preceded in death by husband Harvey De Kock in 1964 and by husband Ted Soppeland in 1987. Survivors include her third husband, Thomas, two brothers, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

**Agnes Sneller '41** died June 6 in Le Mars of leukemia. She taught country school in Sioux County and public school in Algona and Hawarden. She worked for many years at Sacred Heart and Floyd Valley Hospitals in Le Mars as a nurse's aide. She was a member of Calvin Christian Reformed Church. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters including Grace De Boer '35.

**Rodney VandenBerg '41** died July 5 in Aurora, S.D., where he had lived since 1952. After serving in the Navy Seabees during World War II, he farmed in Iowa and South Dakota. He was an active member of the First Lutheran Church in Brookings, serving in the choir, as a deacon and with Mission Sponsorship. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; four children; six grandchildren; a brother, Robert '41; and a sister, Ruth Inness '36.

**Vera (Pennings '43) Colenbrander** died June 8 in Holland, Mich. She taught in the Holland Public Schools for 22 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Maplewood Reformed Church. She is survived by her husband, Paul '43, who taught and coached at Northwestern from 1950-63; three children; and a brother, Dr. Arthur Pennings '37.

**Tillie Ten Clay** died April 29 in Sheldon. She was a former Northwestern housemother, serving in Heemstra Hall when it was a women's residence in the early '60s. She is survived by her daughter, Esther Hoogeveen '56, and four grandchildren.



**Chris Arends**, age 22, died June 26 at the Spencer Hospital from conditions of severe muscular dystrophy. Chris, the 1980 Iowa Poster Child for muscular dystrophy, attended Northwestern for three semesters during 1991 and '92. While at NWC, a group of some 30 students helped Chris wheel to class, took notes for him, turned him in bed and provided other assistance. Public health nurses helped get him ready in the morning.

"Chris made an impact on the campus community, especially on those who worked with him," said Paul Blezien, dean for student affairs. "I think they came to realize by his attitude that it's your perspective on your situation that is most important, not the situation itself. He was the kind of guy you really wanted to be around; he had great relational skills."

Survivors include his parents, Tom and Sheri Arends of Milford; and sister, Jorrie.

## Births

**Bob '73 and Roma (Rowenhorst '78)**  
Visser, son, Benjamin Robert, joins  
Whitney (7).

**Steven '75 and Dr. Cindy Pals**, son,  
Schuyler Lowry Maloch, joins Samara (7),  
Brandt (4) and Zachary (2).

**Chuck and Beth (Voogd '81) Coker**,  
daughter, Courtney Makana, joins Chelsea  
(5) and Shanae (3).

**Ross and Cyndi (Martens '81)**  
Nykamp, daughter, Lydia Rae, joins  
Caleb.

**Mr. and Linda (Van De Brake '81)**  
Potter, son, Joshua Joseph, joins Adam  
Joseph (3).

**Richard and Cheryl (Polracki '82)**  
Druse, son, David Charles.

**Bob and Starla (Van Ravenswaay '82)**  
Jensen, daughter, Paige Morgan.

**Sandy and Jeffrey S. Mouw '82**,  
daughter, Leah Nicole, joins Sara (5) and  
David (2).

**Scott '82 and Patti (Smit '83) Rees**, son,  
Daniel Scott, joins Rachel (6), Mark (4) and  
Lauren (2).

**Randy '82 and Jane (Stevenson '83)**  
Schreurs, daughter, Rebecca Noelle, joins  
Jonathan and Megan.

**Al '84 and Cindy (Rus '84) De Vos**,  
son, Ryan Jay, joins Riley (4).

**Dennis '85 and Lori Heemstra**, son,  
Nathan Todd.

**Mindy (Morris '85) and the Rev.**  
Russell Siders '86, son, Jason Gabriel.

**Randy and Pat (Olson '85) Wright**, son,  
James Matthew, joins Landon (4) and  
Michael (2).

**Paul '87 and Paula (Dykstra '86)**  
Folkers, daughter, Brooke La Rae.

**Stephen and Beverly (Schumann '87)**  
Stude, son, Nicholas Allen, joins Nathaniel  
(2).

**Andy and Stacy (Trowbridge '88)**  
Sutton, daughter, Lindsey Louise.

**Robert and Brenda (Pool '88) Keene**,  
son, Andrew Robert, joins Brittany Marie  
(2).

**Bryan '89 and Darlys Vander Lee**, son,  
Kyle Jarrett.

**Dan '90 and Leslie (Hildebrands '90)**  
Haynes, daughter, Brittan Lee, joins  
Austan (2).

**Jerry '90 and Jill (Pals '88) Hulsing**,  
daughter, Ashley Renee.

**Randy '91 and Sue (Grandia '91)**  
Fonkert, daughter, Emily Sue.

**Jim '93 and Marty (Lister '92) Ferrell**,  
daughter, Jennifer Lynn.

**Dirk and Jill (Van Der Weide x'93)**  
Roghair, daughter, Madilyn Laurin.

**Dr. Andy** (assistant professor of  
psychology) and **Carolyn** (former assistant  
professor of accounting) **Johnson**,  
daughter, Briana Lynn.

## '76

**Dione (Post) Larson** received a master's  
degree in counseling and psychological  
services from St. Mary's Graduate Center  
and passed the national exam for licensure  
as a psychologist. She is working as a  
psychotherapist at Aspen Medical Group  
in St. Paul, Minn. She and her husband,  
Dr. LeRoy Larson, live in Lakeland Shores,  
Minn.

**The Rev. James Turner** has been  
appointed as the new pastor of the Dows  
United Methodist Church and the  
Alexander Community United Methodist  
Church. Previously, he served churches in  
the Iowa communities of Donnellson,  
Embury, Peterson, Royal, Clearfield, Red  
Oak and Sharpsburg.

**Lora Vander Zwaag** has been promoted  
to director of admissions at Morningside  
College in Sioux City. A member of  
Morningside's admissions staff since 1984,  
Lora was named associate director in 1988  
and interim director last February.

**Greg Vermeer** is a fisheries biologist  
with the Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection. Greg and his  
wife, Kimberly, reside in St. Petersburg  
with their two children, Leah (10) and  
Thomas (8).

## '80

**Larryl Humme** has been appointed  
regional director of the \$9.8 by '98 fund

drive for the Reformed Church in America.  
He will have responsibility for the Synods  
of the Great Lakes and Mid-America. The  
fund drive seeks to raise \$9.8 million for  
loan funds and resources for new  
congregations and for revitalizing small-  
membership congregations. Humme will  
work half-time for the drive while  
continuing his position as executive  
director of the GIFTS Foundation of  
Orland Park, Ill., a not-for-profit  
organization that generates deferred gifts  
for charitable organizations.

## '82

**Michael Swanson** was recently  
promoted to the position of research  
biochemist at The Upjohn Company in  
Kalamazoo, Mich. He works in the area of  
diabetes research. He also attended an  
international summer session at Uppsala  
University in Sweden this past summer,  
primarily to study the Swedish language.

**Jeff and Luann (Bylsma) Thibodeau**  
now live in Fort Plain, N.Y., with their two  
children, Gregory (9) and Patrick (7). Jeff  
graduated this past summer from New  
Brunswick Theological Seminary and is  
pastor at Reformed Church of Fort Plain.

## '85

**Tsuneo "Ted" Hattori** earned an  
M.B.A. from Iowa State University last  
May. He continues to work as a sales

### ALUMNI—What's New With You?

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supervisor for Asian regions at AMPC Inc. of Ames.

**Bob Vander Plaats** is the new principal at Sheldon Community High School. He previously was principal at Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn, and a teacher/coach in Boone and Jefferson. Bob has a master's degree in secondary administration from Drake University.

## '83 Football Team Announces Reunion

There will be a 10-year team reunion for the players and spouses of the 1983 national championship football team as part of Homecoming. The gathering will take place in the basement of Orange City's Pizza Ranch at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. If you have any questions, call Jay Rozeboom at 712-473-2438 or Arlyn Rozeboom, 712-722-0889.

## '86

**Bryan Fischer** is a district manager for K-Mart in the Albany, N.Y., area. He and his wife, Tricia, live in Ballston Spa, N.Y., with their three children, Kyle (5), Kristen (3) and Joel (1).

**Jean Lemmenes** graduated last May from Western Theological Seminary with a master's degree in religious education. She is now the director of education, youth and music at Fellowship Reformed Church in Hudsonville, Mich.

**Jay McKinstrey** is now athletic director, head boys' basketball coach and business teacher at Sibley-Ocheyedan High School.

## '87

**Paul Folkers** is vice president and part owner of Midwest Capital in Omaha, a financial services firm that specializes in estate and business planning for farmers and other family owned businesses. His wife, **Paula (Dykstra '86)**, is a full-time homemaker.

**Jill Prinsen** is a missionary nurse serving with HCJB (World Radio Missionary Fellowship) in the Amazon zone of Ecuador.

## '88

**Bill Swart** was one of two University of Kansas graduate students to receive the 1993 E. Jackson Baur Award for his work on rhetoric used in conflicts. Swart, a

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 1994 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Any alumna/alumnus wishing to submit names for consideration for one of three Distinguished Alumni Awards for 1994 may do so by sending a letter of recommendation to the Alumni Office. Each year the Awards Committee of the Alumni Association meets to recommend one person in each of the following categories:

- Distinguished Professional Achievement
- Distinguished Service to NWC and/or the Church of Jesus Christ
- Distinguished Service to Community and/or State

The awards will be presented at Homecoming '94 during the Recognition Banquet.

Letters of recommendation should include as much background information as possible about the individual being nominated. A complete resume or vita sheet on the individual would also be helpful to the committee. All nominations are kept confidential. While many individuals are considered, only three are selected each year. If you wish to nominate an individual, send a letter of recommendation to:

Doug Van Berkum  
Alumni Office  
Northwestern College  
101 7th St. SW  
Orange City, IA 51041

If you have any questions, call Doug Van Berkum at (712) 737-7106.

doctoral student in sociology, is researching the changes in the political discourse of the Irish nationalist movement from mid-1700 to the 1923 formation of the Irish Free State. His interest in Ireland's contentious history grew from research he did on terrorism while pursuing his master's degree at Marquette University. The E. Jackson Baur Award is given annually by KU's department of sociology to a student interested in the study of social conflict and its resolution.

## '89

**Mayumi Iwao** is now teaching English at the School of Languages of West Japan after living in Sydney, Australia, for seven months.

**Shawn and Michelle (Skinner) Ritenour** have moved from Omaha to Auburn, Ala., where Shawn is pursuing a doctorate in economics at Auburn University. Michelle is looking for a teaching position in the area.

## '90

**Michele Dahl**, who completed a

master's degree in physical therapy at St. Louis' Washington University School of Medicine, is living in Fort Collins, Colo., and working as a therapist at Poudre Valley Hospital.

**Michele (Hofmeyer) De Kok** is the new director of Children's World daycare and early childhood development center in Sheldon. She previously worked with the Soil Conservation Service in Orange City.

**Kathy Grandia** has moved to Curtea de Arges, Romania, for two years to work with Food for the Hungry. She will be in the Business Development Chamber, helping businesses become more self-sufficient.

**Damon Green** is a new member of the Siouxland Youth for Christ staff in Sioux City.

**Kristyn (VanderWerff) Howe** teaches fourth grade at Bannecker Elementary School in urban Kansas City. Her husband, Sean, is a computer programmer.

**Cari (Zoetman) Uit de Flesch** is now an order analyst with the Trane Company in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Mark Van Holland** is working on an M.B.A. and serving as a teaching assistant in the finance department at the University of Iowa. For the past three years he worked at Oppenheimer & Co. in Chicago.

Van Holland and David Kuhnau '92 are movie extras in the summer release "Rookie of the Year." They can be seen in the stadium crowd right behind home plate.

## '91

Kevin and Ngu (Chau x'93) Alons live in Wichita, Kan., where Kevin flies the F-16 for the United States Air National Guard.

Leah (De Haan) Johnson teaches pre-school special education in Cherokee. She also is a part-time student at the University of South Dakota.

Mike May has joined the physical therapy staff at the Orange City Municipal Hospital and Clinic. He graduated in May from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Science in Des Moines with a master's degree in physical therapy.

## '92

Cindy Pletke lives in Ontario, Calif., and works as a sales representative for Carter Hawley Hale, a major retailer in Southern California.

Marla Sonksen is serving as resident director of West Hall at Northwestern.

The Reformed Church in America's Office of Volunteer Services has appointed

Wynette Terpstra and John Vold '93 to two-year terms of teaching English in Japan. Terpstra and Vold will be working with the United Church of Christ in Japan, the RCA's mission partner there.

Dan Van Beek has moved from Denver where he worked as a graphic artist to his hometown of Chino, Calif., to start his own business. His company is called T-Graphics West.

## '93

Wendy (Fastenow) Meyers is the new resident director at Northwestern's Hospers Hall.

Jill (Van Der Weide) Roghair received her B.S.N. from Briar Cliff College and is an intensive care nurse at Marian Health Center in Sioux City.

Cary and Lynn (Vermeer) Wauters have moved to Atlanta, Ga., where Cary will attend graduate school at Georgia Tech and Lynn will look for work as an accountant.

### Raider News

Want to check on a Red Raider score or find out game highlights? Northwestern's sports information office is now operating a pre-recorded sports hotline phone number with the latest Raider news. Call 712-737-7202.

## Marriages

Jeff Van Der Werff '83 and Kara Rankin '93, Kansas City, Mo.

Lori Waring '86 and Tom Schaafsma, Joseph, Ore.

Jim Rus '88 and Erika Notehelfer, Albany, Ill.

Sara Hielkema '89 and Brian Wiese '88, Des Moines.

Kristyn VanderWerff '90 and Sean Howe, Kansas City, Mo.

Georgann Vande Garde '90 and Glenn Riemersma, Bloomington, Minn.

Leah De Haan '91 and Bruce Johnson, Cherokee.

Todd Schuster '91 and Tracy Gregg, Orange City.

Brian Van Meeteren '91 and Jill Young '91, Sheldon.

Lisa Hubbling '92 and Bryan Haberer, Miller, S.D.

Kelly Kleinhesselink '92 and Dan Meharg, North Truro, Mass.

David White '92 and Kimberlee Soo Felton '94, Orange City.

Leah Sikkema '93 and Kurt Dykstra '94, Orange City.

Lynn Vermeer '93 and Cary Wauters, Atlanta, Ga.

Lynnette Webb '94 and Adam Rasmussen '94, Orange City.

*The couples reside in the cities listed.*

## Reunion Class Giving Program Under Way

Northwestern's Alumni Development Committee is spearheading an effort to develop a reunion class giving program. Beginning with the Class of 1943, which celebrated its 50th reunion at Heritage Day in May, the 10-, 25-, and 50-year classes will have alumni-led efforts to raise money for class gifts to NWC. Future plans include adding a couple of other reunion classes a year to the program until all classes celebrating a reunion on the every-five-year schedule will be involved.

Co-chairpersons for the selected classes will develop a committee of approximately 30 alums. Committee members will contact their classmates, encouraging them to attend their class reunion and make a special gift to the college.

The Class of 1943, the first participant in the program, doubled its participation rate and tripled its total dollar contribution as an outcome of this effort. The Classes of 1968 and 1983 are organizing their program for Homecoming '93.

# Gala Auction

## Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994

Make plans now to attend the 11th annual Alumni Gala Auction. Profits go toward endowed Alumni Scholarships, the \$1,000 Northwestern Teaching Excellence Award, and the \$1,500 Faculty Development Workshop.

If you would like to donate items or services for sale at the auction, contact Doug Van Berkum, Alumni Director, Northwestern College, 101 7th St. SW, Orange City, IA 51041 (712) 737-7106.



Address correction requested

# Calendar of Events

## October

### ACTIVITIES

- 1-2 Movie, "The Quarrel," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- 8-9 Movie, "A River Runs Through It," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- 22 Homecoming Alumni Recognition Dinner, Hospers Hall, 6:45 p.m.  
Movie, "Beauty and the Beast," Bogaard Theater, 9:30 p.m.
- 23 Morning on the Green, 9:30 a.m.  
Tours of Van Peursem and cafeteria renovations, 9:30 a.m.  
Dedication of renovations, 10:30 a.m., Fern Smith Cafeteria  
Brat and Burger Fry, west end of campus green, 11:30 a.m.  
Movie, "Beauty and the Beast," Bogaard Theater, 2 and 9:30 p.m.  
Fifth Quarter, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium  
Homecoming Class Reunions, 6 p.m.  
Homecoming Dance, Rowenhorst Student Center Mini-Gym, 9 p.m.
- 24 Alumni/Student Worship, Christ Chapel, 11 a.m.
- 29-30 Movie, "Howards End," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

### FINE ARTS

- October Art Exhibit, works by Cathleen Benberg Boint '81 and Rhonda Pennings '80, Te Paske Gallery
- 3 Faculty Recital, Dr. Rod Jiskoot and Lynn Tomke, duo piano, Christ Chapel, 3 p.m.
- 8 Christian theatre performance by the A.D. Players, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Children's Play, presented to the general public, Mini-Gym, Rowenhorst Student Center, 7 p.m.
- 22 Alumni Recital, Dirk Lindner '79, organ, Christ Chapel, 5 p.m.
- 22-23 Student Theatre Production by David Gibbs, 8 p.m.

- 31 Student Recital, Amy Verdoorn, soprano, Christ Chapel, 3 p.m.

### GUEST LECTURES

- Sept. 30- The Rev. Walter Wangerin Jr., author and  
Oct. 1 professor at Valparaiso University  
4-6 Dr. F. Dean Lueking, Reformation  
Preaching Series

## November

### ACTIVITIES

- 5-6 Movie, "The Princess Bride," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- 6 Parents' Day Women's Auxiliary Bazaar, Rowenhorst Student Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 12-13 Movie, "A Few Good Men," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Movie, "Newsies," Bogaard Theater, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

### FINE ARTS

- November Art Exhibit, Art Student League installation, Te Paske Gallery
- 6 Parents' Day Concert, Christ Chapel, 7 p.m.
- 12 Symphonic Band Fall Concert, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m.
- 12-13 Fall Play, The Playhouse, 8 p.m.  
and 18-20
- 14 Student Recital, James Li, Christ Chapel, 3 p.m.
- 18 Jazz Band Fall Concert, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m.
- 20 Sioux County Oratorio Chorus Concert, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m.

### GUEST LECTURES

- 11 Dr. Martin E. Marty, University of Chicago

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